

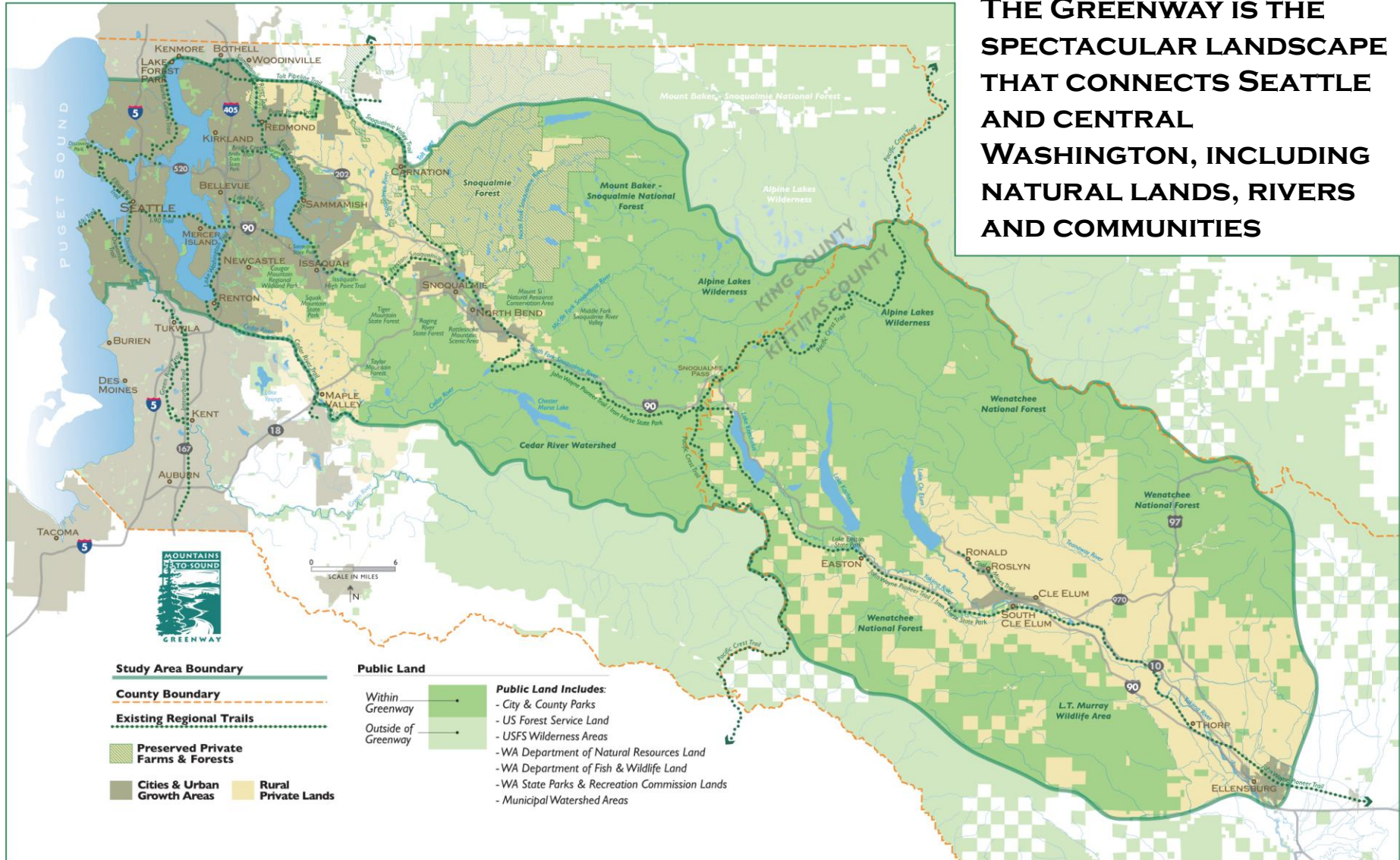


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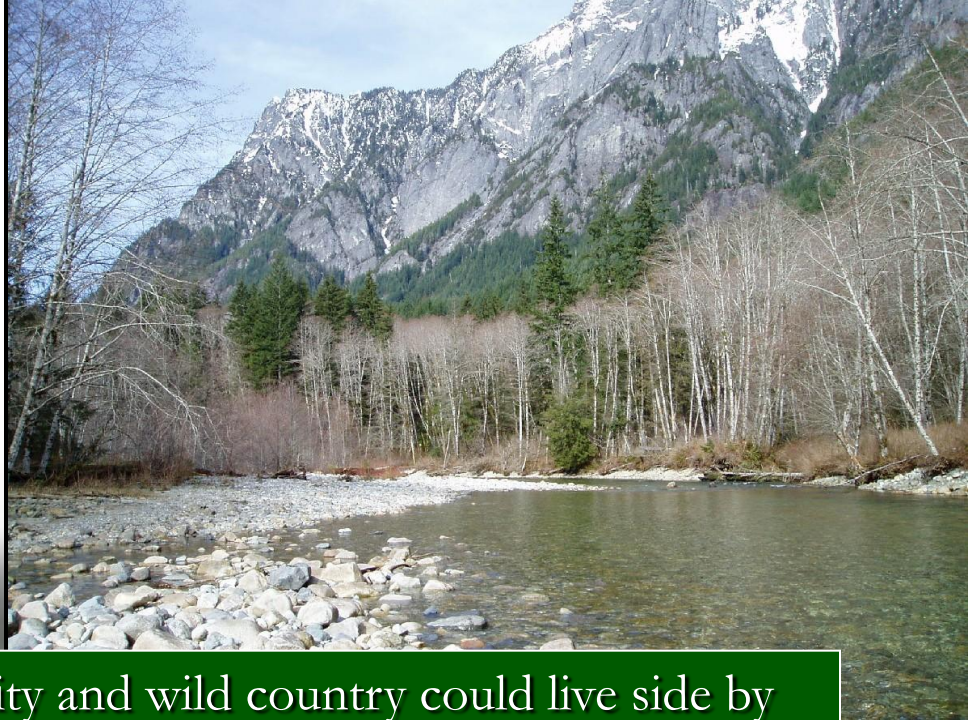
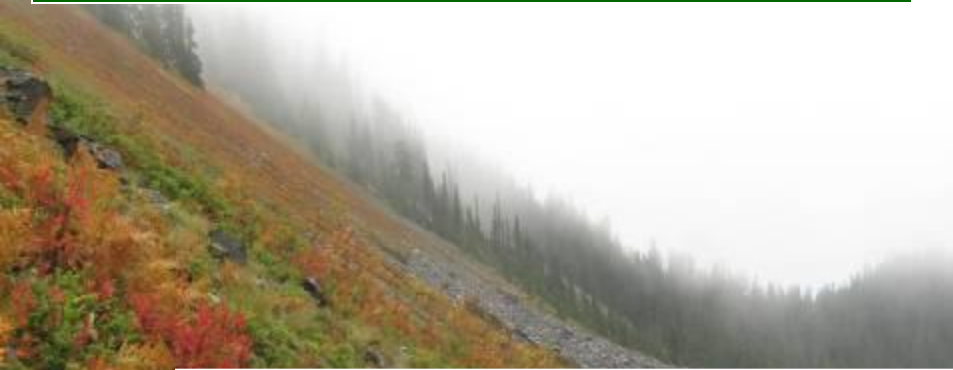


# MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY

THE GREENWAY IS THE SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPE THAT CONNECTS SEATTLE AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON, INCLUDING NATURAL LANDS, RIVERS AND COMMUNITIES



# SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES



“If ever there was a place where city and wild country could live side by side, this would be it, each needing the other...”

- Timothy Egan





## NEARBY RECREATION



# WORKING LANDS



# DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES



# MOUNTAINS To SOUND MARCH 1990



## JULY 4 THROUGH JULY 8, 1990

An 88-mile walk from Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound along the "Greenways" of the Interstate 90 corridor. Overnight camping at Rattlesnake Lake, Preston, Issaquah and Newcastle Beach Park.

End-to-end hikers must register with the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. Write: "Mountains to Sound March," c/o Issaquah Alps Trails Club, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027. 24-Hour Hotline: 328-0480. Applications for the full hike are available at King County libraries, King County Parks and Recreation offices, and outdoor equipment stores.

Free day hikes are scheduled all along the Mountains to Sound route from July 4 through 8. Day hike schedules are available at the same places as applications.

This poster was made possible in part by generous contributions from The Boeing Company, REI, High Mountain Industries of Gilman Village in Issaquah, Portico Cuts, a local firm with offices in Seattle and Bellevue, King County Natural Resources and Parks Division and individual contributions from members of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. © 1990 Issaquah Alps Trails Club

# COLLABORATIVE PLANNING



## *A Vision in Progress*

*A green corridor of productive forests and farms, parks, rivers, lakes and communities, demonstrating our regional commitment to a high quality of life and a sustainable environment;*

*A green parkway accessible to residents and visitors, providing recreational, scenic and economic opportunities;*

*A commitment to protect fish and wildlife resources and to respect private property interests in lands and facilities that contribute to the Greenway character;*





# COOPERATIVE FOLLOW THROUGH

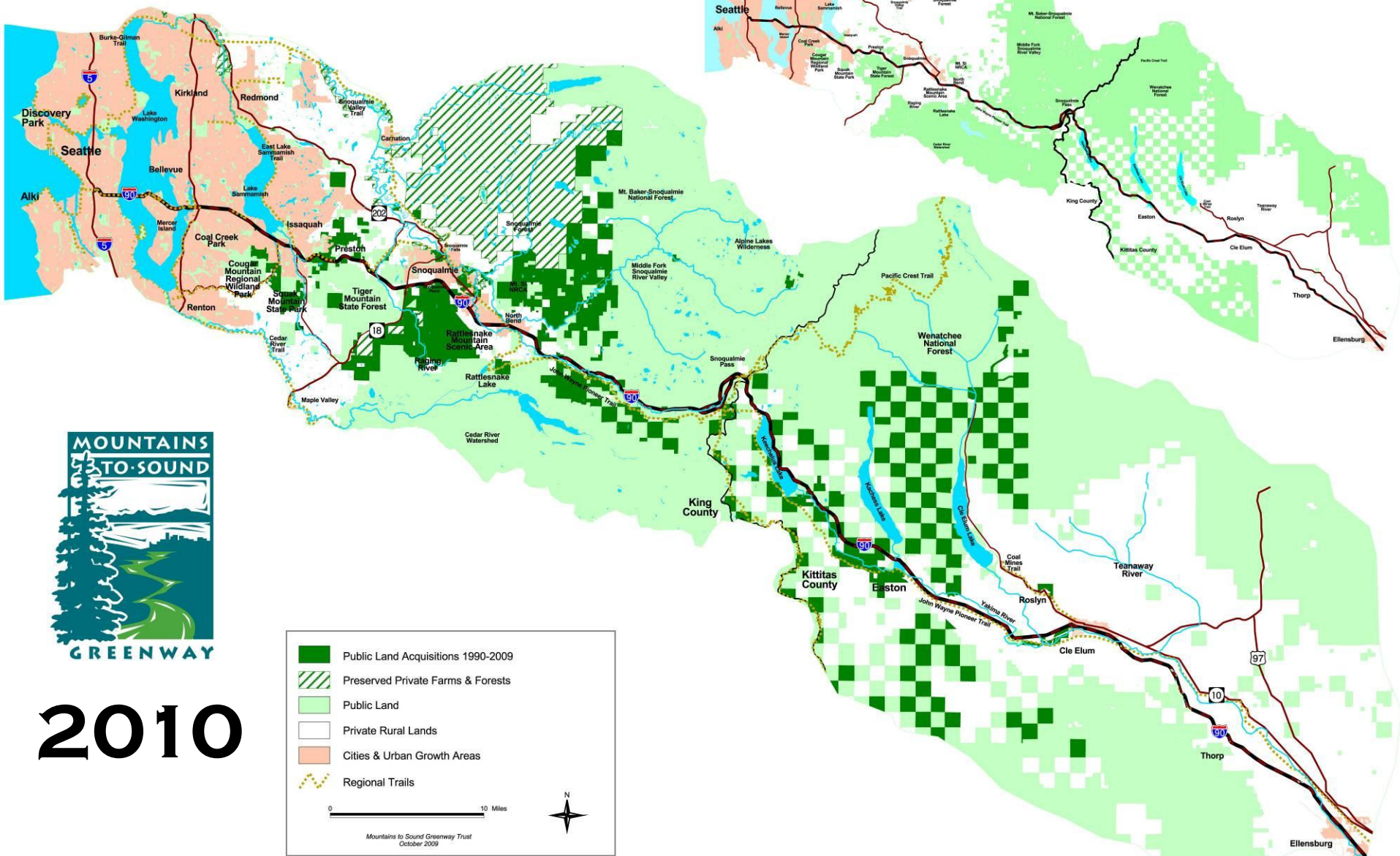


# **MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY COALITION INCLUDES:**

<u>Government</u>	<u>Conservation &amp; Recreation</u>	<u>Business</u>
US Forest Service		Boeing
Kittitas County	Washington Trails Association	REI
King County	Sierra Club	Puget Sound Energy
21 Cities	Cascade Land Conservancy	Weyerhaeuser
State DNR	Trust for Public Land	Microsoft
State Parks	Upper Kittitas County Parks and Recreation District	HomeStreet Bank
State DOT		Carter Subaru

# LANDS

1990



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **EMPOWER LOCAL COMMUNITIES**
- **HELP FACILITATE LOCAL DECISIONS**
- **FIND COMMON MIDDLE GROUND FOR ACTION**
- **CARRY A PRAGMATIC, LONG-TERM VIEW**
- **STRIVE FOR A HEALTHY BALANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND NATURE**



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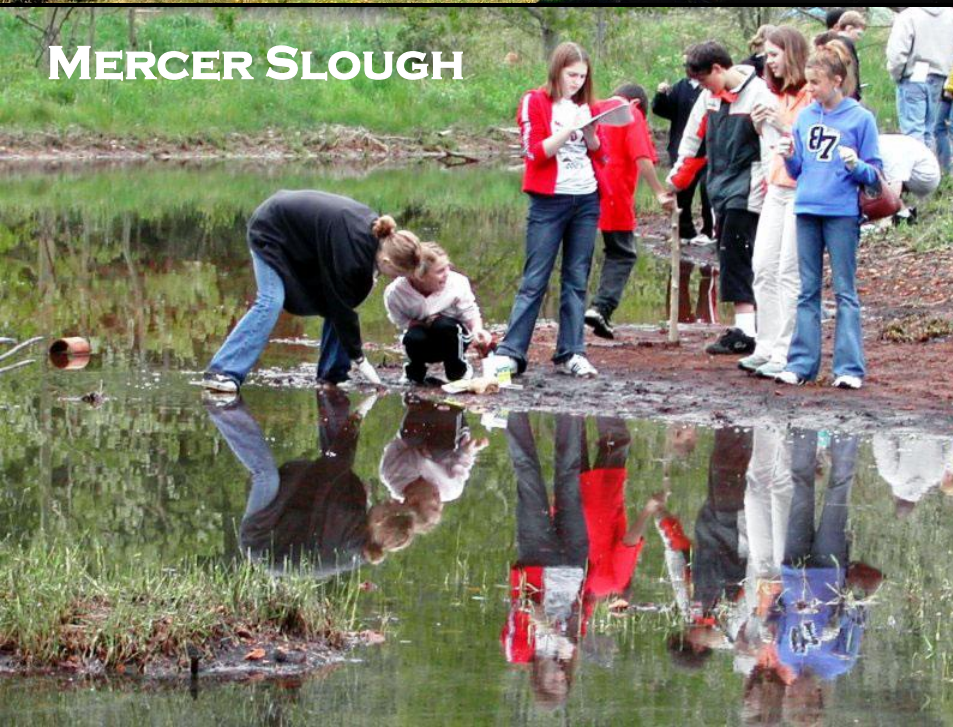
## TRAIL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

# CEDAR RIVER ED CENTER



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

# MERCER SLOUGH



# TIGER MOUNTAIN



# TOURISM/CULTURE



# Greenway Adventures

# PUBLIC EDUCATION

## The Mountains to Sound Greenway

*A scenic mountain highway, powerful rivers, clear mountain lakes and historic towns all lie within a 90-minute drive from Seattle along Interstate 90, Washington's main east/west thoroughfare. From the Seattle waterfront to the dry hills and cattle ranches of Kittitas County, these treasures of Northwest nature and history are both easy to reach and carefully preserved as part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Whether it's a tour of Northwest highlights for out-of-town visitors, a Sunday drive for the family, historic towns or the*



Explore the Mountains to Sound Greenway between Seattle and Central Washington



# REGIONAL TRAILS

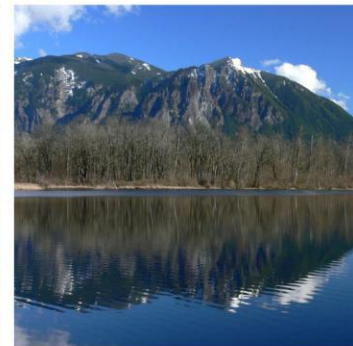


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**THE GREENWAY TRUST HELPS  
LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND  
AGENCIES FIND FUNDING AND  
MAKE PLANS TO FINISH MISSING  
LINKS. COMPLETING THIS  
CONNECTED TRAIL SYSTEM IS  
ESSENTIAL IN REGIONAL EFFORTS  
TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.**



# THE I-90 GREENWAY REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

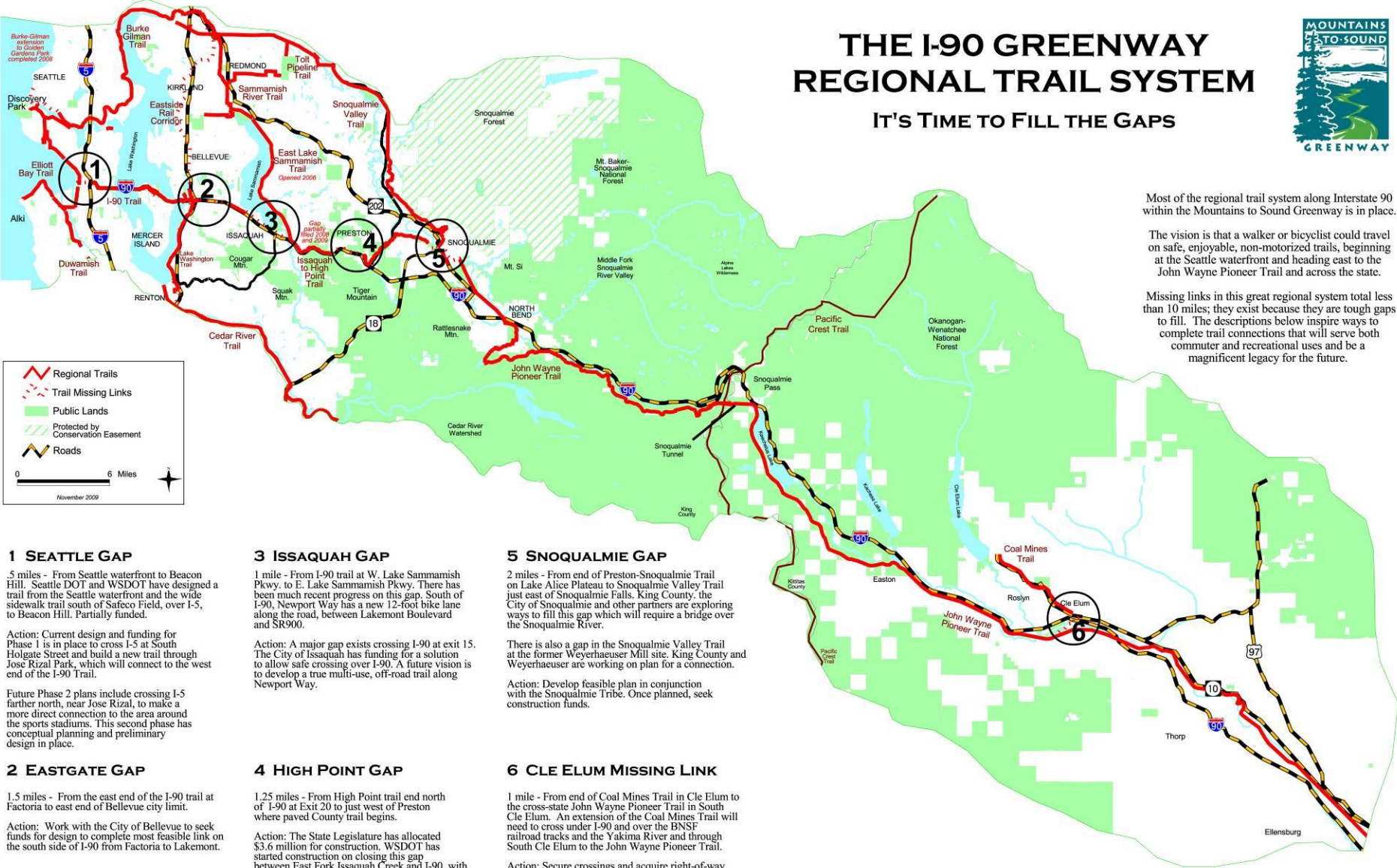
IT'S TIME TO FILL THE GAPS



Most of the regional trail system along Interstate 90 within the Mountains to Sound Greenway is in place.

The vision is that a walker or bicyclist could travel on safe, enjoyable, non-motorized trails, beginning at the Seattle waterfront and heading east to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and across the state.

Missing links in this great regional system total less than 10 miles; they exist because they are tough gaps to fill. The descriptions below inspire ways to complete trail connections that will serve both commuter and recreational uses and be a magnificent legacy for the future.



# NEWS ALONG THE GREENWAY

## Kittitas Group Shapes Historic Cle Elum-Roslyn Trail

Major improvements have been made this year to the 5-mile Coal Mines Trail between Cle Elum, Roslyn and Ronald in upper Kittitas County. A 6-person Trail Commission has overseen the installation of culverts, signs, benches and a graded soft trail surface. Their next project is publication of a pamphlet to explain the history along the trail.

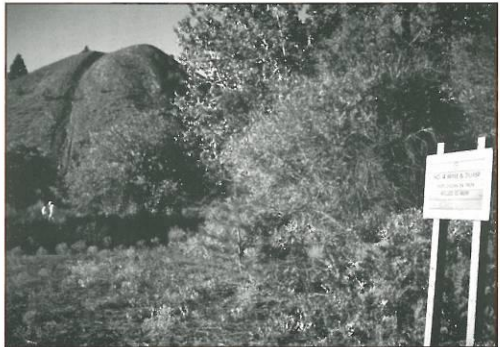
"We want to make it the best trail in the state," chuckles Gary Wivag, Trail Commission Chair, "but you understand, it's one of the shortest, best trails."

The trail was purchased in 1995 by Cle Elum, Roslyn and Kittitas County from the Burlington Northern ~~Southern Pacific~~ Railroad which was abandoning the line. For almost a century before, the railroad had moved coal from the mines between the two towns to the east/west transshipment point in Cle Elum. Greenway Board members Terry Wallgren and Ray Owens were instrumental in gaining local public investment for the trail and Patsy Bullitt Collins, a member of the Greenway Advisory Council, made a critical donation to assist the communities.

Wivag heads the trail commission, made up of representatives from the two cities and Kittitas County. Using funds donated to Greenway projects by Puget Sound Energy, the commission has moved forward on turning a rough railroad right-of-way into an attractive non-motorized route that's easy to use and interesting for residents and tourists.

**Keeping Things at a Slower Pace**  
Surfacing the trail became an important issue. "We chose bedding sand because it packs nice and holds up," Wivag explains. "We've resisted blacktop because our mission is to preserve the historic and cultural background of this route. The sand helps keep the speed down and that keeps this a trail where people can be comfortable walking and taking more time."

"We see a lot of people of all ages on the trail now, walking, jogging and riding horses" Wivag says. "We put in benches at various



*Slag heaps seen from Kittitas County's coal mining days are part of the history along the Coal Mines Trail, which has been recently improved with interpretive signs, benches and a soft trail surface.*

Photo: Ken Krogg/monk

spots so that it's easier for senior citizens to walk and rest. Now that we have historic marker signs up, we're working on publishing a pocket booklet that will tell more of the story. We also want to add small signs that identify the plants and trees."

Among the regular users of the trail is Wivag himself and a horse-drawn trolley excursion which he offers on weekends. "We've had school classes with teachers come out and we even had a group of Seattle kids from the YMCA come out to ride the trolley. We try to make it educational about the history of our towns and the story of coal mining."

"We have an 'adopt-a-trail' plan in the works for ongoing maintenance, but quite honestly, people are just keeping the trail clean on their own," Wivag says. With the new emphasis on history along the trail, he hopes the local historical society will help start a non-profit Friends of the Trail group.

# COAL MINES TRAIL



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## COAL MINES TRAIL

# ISSAQUAH TO HIGH POINT TRAIL CONNECTOR



**The Seattle Times**  
Winner of a 2010 Pulitzer Prize

**Eastside**

## New trail gives Issaquah access

Eastside bikers and pedestrians waited patiently as Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger snipped a 14-foot gold ribbon Wednesday. They were eager to...

**By Meghan Peters**

*Seattle Times Eastside bureau*

Eastside bikers and pedestrians waited patiently as Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger snipped a 14-foot gold ribbon Wednesday.

They were eager to put foot — and wheel — onto the newly completed Issaquah-High Point Trail Connector, a bike and pedestrian trail that extends from the south end of the East Lake Sammamish Trail and runs along the north side of Interstate 90 to the Issaquah Highlands.

The \$1.5 million trail, funded primarily by state and federal grants, has been in the works for four years, when the city received its first grant for the link. Construction began in May.

"It's an important link as Issaquah grows as an urban center," said King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, R-Redmond.

The connector provides access to the Mountains to Sound Greenway from the Issaquah-Preston Trail. It's part of the King County Regional Trail System and the Interstate 90 Cross State Trail System and consists of nearly one mile of a 10-foot-wide paved surface with 2-foot gravel shoulders on each side.

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STEVE RINGMAN / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger cuts the ribbon Wednesday for the new Issaquah-High Point Trail Connector, a bike and pedestrian trail in Issaquah.

# Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Monday, February 26, 2007

## From 'the Jungle' to a trail

Beacon Hill welcomes Mountains-to-Sound Greenway

BY DEBERA CARLTON HARRELL  
P-I reporter

Beacon Hill residents have fought crime, helped clean up a local park known as "the Jungle" and now enthusiastically await a trail linking their neighborhood to the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway.

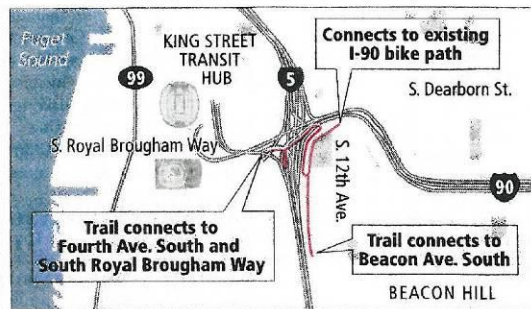
The proposal, offering a multipurpose north-south trail on the west side of Beacon Hill as well as a long-awaited connection to the Sodo area, will be discussed in a public meeting Wednesday.

Residents support the trail,

SEE TRAIL, B2

### BEACON HILL LINK

MOUNTAINS-TO-SOUND GREENWAY (LINKS)



Source: Seattle Department of Transportation

SEATTLE P-I

## TRAIL: 'Connection over I-5 is very important to us'

FROM B1

saying it would better connect the neighborhood and link it to the city, and that it would enhance public safety by bringing more bicyclists, walkers, joggers and others through the area.

Jodie Vice, a Beacon Hill resident, chairwoman of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board and co-chairwoman of the advocacy group Beacon Hill Pedestrians, said the trail would offer "a great opportunity to connect Beacon Hill and downtown."

"This is a community where people like to walk and bike into the city; we're close enough where we can," Vice said. "The connection over I-5 is very im-

### IF YOU GO

The Seattle Department of Transportation is holding a public open house Wednesday to discuss extending the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trail in the Beacon Hill area south to the South Holgate Street Bridge (Phase One) and across Interstate 90 from North Beacon Hill to the Sodo area (Phase Two). The meeting is from 6 to 9 p.m. at Beacon Hill Elementary School, 2025 14th Ave. S. For more information: [cityofseattle.net/ban](http://cityofseattle.net/ban) or [goto.seattlepi.com/r582](http://goto.seattlepi.com/r582).

25,000 square feet of ivy.

"We're also going to have a forest experience again that's accessible from downtown; a true forest experience in an urban setting is a darn good thing."

Project manager Mike Ward of the Seattle Department of Transportation said developing the trails plan has been a multifaceted effort, including the city, the community, the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trust, many recreational groups and the state Department of Transportation, which owns 85 percent of the project's right of way.

"We're still figuring some things out, like the switchback, but the process has been pretty positive," Ward said.

## SEATTLE TRAIL CONNECTIONS



# High Point to Preston Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail





Located 7.6 miles east of Issaquah running along the north side of Interstate 90.

# Wall Construction



# Retaining Walls



# Prefabricated Pedestrian Bridge



# OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAIL CONNECTIONS IN BELLEVUE





**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES**



**CLEAN AIR AND WATER**



# NEW ARENAS

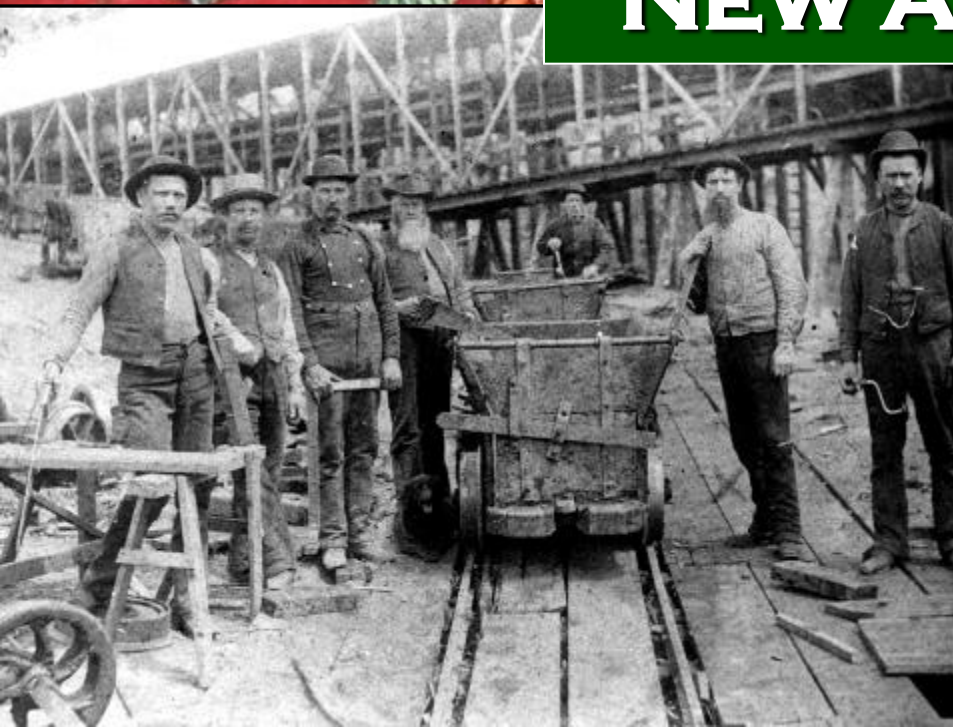


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# SENSE OF PLACE





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